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# TAFT IS INDORSED AFTER HOT FIGH

Oregon Delegates Will Vote tion of the report submitted by Abram R. for Secretary at Chicago.

SENATOR STANDS FIRM

Roosevelt Instructions.

Accepted at His Word and Will Not completed and habitable. Justice O'Gor-Go to Chicago as a Delegate-His man reserved decision. Colleague, Senator Fulton, Will Head Delegation to Convention. Only Surviving Member of Grant's Cabinet Also Honored.

#### SENATOR BOURNE'S TELEGRAM.

In my platform when elected, among other pledges, I stated I would do my utmost to help renominate President Roosevelt. I am doing my humble best to keep my pledge. The cuntry wants and needs Roosevelt's renomination. If left to a popular vote in Oregon I think every member of the convention will concede that he ber of the convention will concede that he would receive 80 per cent of the vote of the

would receive 80 per cent of the vote of the people.

Rosevelt twice made the statement that he would not accept if nominated. This was individual. The sovereignty of the nation and of the state is infinitely greater than he. If Oregon and a sufficient number of other States command him to serve his country another four years, he must obey or be considered by the present and future generations a contemptible and selfish coward and traiter to his country.

The possibility of such action on his part is not only absurd, but absolutely inconceivable. I urge the Republican delegates to the Oregon State convention to instruct their national delegates for Roseveit. All must concede that he is the choice of the people, and that his renomination guarantees the election and a Regublican House of Representatives.

Representatives.

I have sought to be elected a delegate to the national convention solely to enable me to better carry out my pledges to the people of Oregon in assisting in securing Roosevelt's renomination. Should the State convention instruct delegates for any other candidate than Roosevelt. I withdraw my candidacy, for if elected a delegate to the convention. I should disregard the State convention's instruction to vote for any other person than Reosevelt, and would vote for Roosevelt,

I will loyally support the nominee of the Republican national convention.

JONATHAN BOURNE, Jr.

"mollycoddle" variety.

The Congressional district convention warm one in that meeting also.

would ignore instructions to vote for any one but Roosevelt as the party nominee for President, and his expressed desire to be left out of the delegation if the delegates were not to be instructed for the present occupant of the White House,

had much to do with this outcome,

not be a delegate unless instructed for in a formal statement:

they were helped by Mr. Bourne's elimi- for the establishment of a suitable build- from Georgia would find an appropriation nation of himself.

George H. Williams, the only surviving Coe, Asa B. Thompson, R. T. Williams. S. A. Sahlbred, A. N. Gilbert, and W. Kuy Kendall.

## TAFTITES CLAIM BIG MARGIN.

Say They'll Have Ninety-five Instructed Delegates Too Many. At the Taft headquarters in Washing-

ton last night Mr. Hitchcock issued the following statement: "State conventions in California, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, and Washington, and five district conventions in of the work of the late George Inness for California, two in Oregon, and one each the picture attributed to him, and which ber of delegates pledged to Taft is now tion, which now amounts to sixty-nine

"Only one State convention, that of from time to time. Texas, and seven district conventions, remain to be held. The Texas State conwhich occurs to-morrow, and four of the district conventions to be number in the Taft column to 586, or 95 now of East Thirty-fifth street. The the bill, "is referred to as the Interna- Philander C. Knox, present Senator from

## Indorse Taft and Foraker.

faction of the Republican party, dissatisoffice-holding element of that party, held among collectors of pictures and m tepublican negroes. Resolutions were had been marketed successfully in recent dopted indersing Roosevelt, Taft, For- years, ker, and Aldrich

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return.

#### FIGHTS BIG ASSESSMENT.

Former Senator Clark Says Mansion

Clark, of Montana, is fighting the 1905assessment of \$2,100,000 on his castle at Seventy-seventh street and Fifth avenue, and his counsel appeared to-day before Justice O'Gorman to oppose the confirma-Lawrence, who was appointed referee to pass on the assessment. Mr. Lawrence reported that the assessment appeared to be reasonable. .

The present assessment against the property is \$3,000,000, and counsel for the Senator contended that the assessment of 1905, made while the house was building, Refuses to Modify Demand for was illegal. The building is not finished yet, and will not be completed for two years, according to counsel, and the contention of the Senator's lawyers is that no assessment should be made until it is

## REVEALS ART FRAUD

Owner of Paintings at Corcoran Galleries Victim.

INNESS CANVAS IS IN DOUBT

Gifts to National Gallery of Art Being Investigated by William T. Evans, of New York, the Donor. Sends Others to Take Place of Those Withdrawn from Exhibit.

New York, May 14.-William T. Evans, chairman of the art committee of the Lotus Club, and known extensively as an able and direriminating collector of paintings, stated to-day that he will start a civil suit to-morrow against William civil suit to-morrow against William Clausen, an art dealer, who is one of PRESIDENT'S FIAT the most prominent in the business.

Mr. Evans will bring suit to recover the money which he paid Clausen for two pictures alleged by the dealer to be the work of the later Homer Martin, the American painter, but which Mr. Evans, after he had presented them with a number of other paintings to the National Gallery of Art, declares to be forgeries.

There were three pictures which Mr. Evans was obliged to recall from the Corcoran Gallery of Art at Washington. where they were on exhibition awaiting the time that Congress would provide a Portland, Oreg., May 14.-The usual suitable building for the National Gal-Taft claims are made here to-night fol- lery of Art. One was entitled "Old Mill lowing the Oregon State convention of the Near St. Cloud." another "Near New-Republican party, but, although the con-vention indersed the Secretary of War, is Medicid." The last mentioned was sold was only after one of the hottest fights by Clausen as from the brush of George ever seen in a State political gathering Inness, the elder. The others were al in Oregon, where politics is never of the leged by the dealer to be the work of It's a dull day in the Senate now when

signed. Mr. Evans said to-day that investigaalso indorsed Taft, but the fight was a tion had convinced him that Inness' canvas was no more authentic than the terday was not one of that kind. Senator Bourne was not elected a dele- others. Before giving them to the na- Mr. Bacon, of Georgia, began the disgate, but it is the consensus of opinion tion, Mr. Evans had the pictures in his cussion, and it hinged upon the remark that his letter to the convention, stat- own collection several years, where they which Mr. Roosevelt made to the gover- LOYALTY TO FAVORITE SONS more than a scratch on his face. ing in the most positive terms that he were admired by many expert critics and

#### that they were not genuine. Art Circles Agitated.

painters were being imitated successfully, legislative assistance. and art circles here were agitated by the The sundry civil bill was under dis-Accepts Roosevelt's Attitude.

The convention chose to accept Presi- same painters were being completed and cussion. Mr. Bacon arose with a newsdent Roosevelt's statement that he would put on the market as the finished paintnecessarily entailed the acceptance also took alarm and started an investigation, and inquired of Mr. Hale, who was as- their personal preferences in the Presiof Mr. Bourne's statement that he would His own experience he made public to-day sisting Senator Allison, who was in dential campaign about to begin.

The convention opened with wild disorder, and the fight was on from the outset. My gift to the National Gallery of Art.

Were made in the measure for the purannounced preferences of their States. As strongly as it was put to
the National Gallery of Art.

Others were outspoken in behalf of "fawas crushed like an egg shell. The Taft men had uphill work to do, but and which, pending Congressional action Hale replied that he thought the Senator vorite sons." was the climax of the fight, his selection plctures, one called "Old Mill Near St. being made unanimous. After Mr. Cloud," the other "Near Newport," both Bourne's telegram was read, his follow-ers realized that he could not be forced to ers realized that he could not be forced to Afternoon at Medfield," bearing the name retrace his steps, and his name was not of the late George A. Inness. They had presented to the convention when it became apparent that the convention was had been repeatedly exhibited in recent had been allowed. determined to take Mr. Roosevelt at his years. They had received the praises of

the works of the artists named. "Rumors, however, obtained circulation member of President Grant's Cabinet, is a few months ago, which east such doubt among the delegates elected to the Chi- on the authenticity of these pictures that I felt it incumbent upon me to recall the three pictures referred to. Fortunately, I had attached to my gift the condition that I might withdraw any of the pictures which might not stand the test of proving his declaration. ime and substitute others in their places. The three pictures referred to I have acordingly withdrawn from the National Gallery of Art, and they are now in my possession. I have already purchased and sent to Washington in place of those withdrawn, two excellent examples unlater Homer D. Martin, and the matter of a substitution of an authentic example

## Purchased Four Years Ago.

"The three pictures which have been withdrawn were purchased, by 'me about to-morrow and the following day, 1903 from Mr. William Clausen, an art will instruct for Taft, increasing the total dealer, lately at 381 Fifth avenue, but said Mr. Bacon, who had again examined more than a majority of the Republican subject is in the hands of my counsel, tional Waterways Commission. The Pennsylvania, as the next President. Mr. Frank R. Lawrence, for advice and President, I think, referred to the Inland

separate convention in Richmond to-% per cent of the delegates being clever counterfelts of American masters

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Promise to Governors Brings Out Protests.

JUST WHAT DID HE MEAN?

Bill Ordered Reported, but President May"Appoint," Not"Continue,"

Homer Martin. All the pictures were no reference is made to the President's

skilled judges of art. No one suspected nors and other delegates who gathered at the White House Wednesday morning when he said that if Congress did not Some days ago, however, when rumors provide for the perpetuation of the Inbegan to be circulated persistently that land Waterways Commission, he would the works of several famous American himself find a way of doing so without

charge of the bill, if any appropriation "Among the first fifty paintings by were made in the measure for the purpersisted:

#### "Was that all that was asked?" Condemns Those Who Cheered.

Mr. Hale replied that all that had been and nail."

"We are to be congratulated, then," the most accomplished critics and there was no reason to doubt that they were Mr. Bacon said, with irony, "that this work is to be done by authority of law, and not in violation of law."

Senator Depew called attention to the tion to Senator Fulton, Dr. Henry A. history. As a result of that investigation who had heard the President's remark Bryan all the time." had loudly applauded the sentiment he expressed. The Georgia delegates, Mr. Depew said, had been among those ap-

"If any representative of Georgia applauded the idea that the President could use money not appropriated by Congress," retorted Mr. Bacon, "I would not hesitate to condemn him as having done a very improper thing."

## Not the Same Commission.

Mr. Hale said he had not read the papers containing the account of the President's statement, but he would repeat that all that had been asked for any in North Carolina, Ohio, and Texas elected fifty-two delegates to-day and instructed them for Tatt. The total numhis work are among my gift to the nahis work are among my gift "What was in the mind of the Presi-

pictures in all, and to which I am adding dent I do not know," added Mr. Hale. 'I only know that the committee has put in the bill whatever has been submitted to it in the estimates for any waterways commission."

"The commission referred to here," Richmond, Va., May 14.—The disgruntled be purely for the purpose of eliciting the to condemn the improvement of water-Mr. Evans said to-day that he had government, there is no authority given

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Popular Excursion via Baltimore and Ohio R. R.

To Harpers Ferry, Martinsburg, Berkeley Springs, and Cumberland, from Union Station 8:15 a. m. May 17. Round trip \$1 to Harpers Ferry and Martinsburg, \$1.35 to Berkeley Springs, and Interest paid on all accounts, subject to \$2 to Cumberland.

#### MONTANA FALLS IN LINE

Delegates Instructed to Vote for Secretary Taft at Chicago. Butte, Mont., May 14.-The Montana State convention was held in Butte today and six delegates were chosen to go to Chicago. They were instructed to vote tor Taft. A resolution to that effect was presented to the convention, and some Eastern Montana delegales tried to oppose motions being made to table them, but Chairman Miller ignored the motions and the resolutions went through with

yell and whoop. The delegates are Charles R. Leonard, of Butte; Thomas A. Marlote, of Helena; J. G. Blair, of Teton; A. J. Bennett, of Virginia City; Charles M. Bates, of Bil-Raid the Treasury, but Beverldge lings, and F. M. Malone, of Custer.

President Roosevelt and his adminis Has Another Opinion-Newlands tration were indorsed and his policies

tendency to fly in the face of the legis- State Executives Name Pref- machine of Wilbur and Orville Wright wittleisms. erences for President.

Many Express Approval of Indorse- and under beautiful control.

not accept a renomination as final, which ings of recognized masters, Mr. Evans the clipping what the President had said, town some of them were asked to name still further downward.

ing, are now on exhibition in the Corco- for that purpose on page 143. After read- Indiana. He said: "My personal prefer- his ascents in the air, was still with him Senator Fulton's election as a delegate ran Gallery at Washington, were two ing the section referred to, Mr. Bacon ence is that of the Republican party of The machine was wrecked behind a sand President Fairbanks, who will have the it was started. united support of the Indiana delegation,

lead the Democratic party to victory." Gov. Comer, of Alabama: "My personal preference, and I am sure I am with my State in this, is for the Hon. W. J.

Bryan. Gov. Hoch, of Kansas: "There need be cago convention. The others are, in addi- I instituted an investigation to learn their report that the governors and delegates no doubt about whom I am for-Mr. W. J. from where the machine started on its

Gov. Deneen, of Illinois: "My personal preference is for that son of Illinois, the the starting point, Hon. Joseph G. Cannon.'

Gov. Brooks, of Wyoming: "The deleinstructed to east the vote of the State but under perfect control, Wilbur Wright for Hon. W. H. Taft. I am in hearty ac- kept the machine up and continued the cord with the Wyoming delegation."

Gov. Warner, of Michigan: "I am in did when the machine first got under Skillful French Swordsman Woundfavor of the nomination of Hon. W. H. way. All continued to go well until the Taft." It was reported yesterday that fatal mistake behind the last sand hill. Gov. Warner had said if Mr. Taft was not The total distance flown is computed the computer of the control o nominated on the first ballot, he was in by adding together the two miles befavor of voting for Theodere Roosevelt. tween farthest points traveled three On this subject he declined to speak. Gov. Burke, of North Dakota: "N "North

Gov. Edwin Norris, of Montana: "My choice is W. H. Taft. He is the choice of ty generally. Gov. Albert E. Mead, of Washington:

leader in the campaign. Gov. Stuart, of Pennsylvania: "I favor in Dayton, Ohio. Gov. Folk, of Missouri: "The convenaction. Any steps which I may take will Waterways Commission. I do not intend tion to nominate delegates to the Democratic national convention has not been have been attracted by the possibilities ways, but if I understand our theory of will undoubtedly be instructed for Bryan. held in Missouri; but the delegates chosen of their machine. fied of the disheritance of the negro of the recent Lynchburg convention and the domination of that convention by the fine holding element of that party held in the president i "The President," said Senator Bever- nation and election as a foregone conclu- an instrument as it did to-day, sion. The entire West shares this view."

Gov. Post, of Porto Rico: "Mr. Taft

candidate for President.

# WRIGHT AEROPLANE WRECKED BY ERROR

Machine Comes to Grief After Marvelous Flight.

NAVIGATOR MADE A MISTAKE

Covers Eight Miles in Perfect Control When Wrong Manipulation of shell-W. Wright Escapes Injury.

was smashed into an unrecognizable mass. Wright, escaped from the accident prac-

The machine had already flown eight

ments of State Conventions-Hanly, The wrecking of it was due to an error of Indiana, Wants Fairbanks; on the part of the navigator in directing Stuart, of Pennsylvania, Talks of flight in a downward course. It was de-Knox-Views of Other Executives, signed by the navigator to elevate its course. Instead of working the lever to accomplish that result he worked it so While the visiting governors were in as to direct the course of the machine

## Airship Is Smashed,

Responding instantly to the influence Some would not declare themselves fur- of the lever the machine shot downward ther than to go on record as satisfied with and to the ground with great rapidity. announced preferences of their States. As strongly as it was put together it

Wilbur Wright's luck, which has stood Of this latter sort was Gov. Hanly, of by him ever since he has commenced 30 the State of Indiana. We are for Vice hill two miles from the point from which

Rising from a point near the house in and for whom I am willing to work tooth which it is stored, the machine flew away with twice the speed of a bird. Gov. 'Swanson, of Virginia; "I am for Its course was directed north along the W. J. Bryan, who, I am confident, will beach for a mile and a half, when it was turned to the westward, flying high over a small sand hill and passing be-

tween two large ones. It was then made to circle still another sand hill, the farthest point in their circling movement being two miles magnificent flight. The course of the machine was then directed back toward

## Retraces His Course.

Traveling under a speed which caused gates from Wyoming have already been the few witnesses of the flight to marvel, flight, following the identical course he The total distance flown is computed

While doubtless happy in the knowledge that they have accomplished marvelous things in the science of aerial navigation, my State, and, I think, of the West pret- the wrecking of their machine, which they prized over all wealth, was a great disappointment to the Wright brothers, nez attained his majority. This hap-"I believe Mr. W. H. Taft will be nomi- i'hey state, however, that they will imnated, and that he will prove a strong mediately pack up the wreckage of their nachine and ship it back to their home

Orville Wright had intended leaving of the famous Sabreur Kvikhoffer, proved here Monday to prepare for a trip to Euto be markedly superior to his opponent, authority, against economic waste,
rose, having engagements there with reptrip blade pierced Villette's lung several "The method by which this end is to rope, having engagements there with representatives of foreign governments

#### Due to Inexperience. Not since the Wrights have been here

did their machine appear so complete The fatal mistake was the result of the

Gov. Hoggatt, of Alaske: "Taft is my experience with the operation of the new steering gear which the brothers had perfected and installed in the machine. Its working was satisfactory, but required practice for instantaneous manipula-

Another extraordinary flight, comparatively a short one, was made by the ma- ave.

cling of a sand mountain for a distance of two miles, both Orville Wright and Furnass, a machinist, occupying seats in

The renfarkable part about this flight was the fact that the machine was on a constant curve. It sailed the distance in two minutes and a half. It returned to its starting point, and continued its flight for a quarter of a mile beyond.

#### BOTH INSTRUCT FOR TAFT.

Two Conventions in Same District at Which War Secretary Is Favored. Columbus, Ohio, May 14.-At the two Republican conventions in the Third Congressional district to-day, Secretary Taft GOV. FOLK'S STATEMENT was indorsed and delegates favorable to his candidacy were elected as follows: Bleser convention—C. W. Bleser and D. W. Allaman, both of Montgomery County. Anti-Bleser convention—N. P. Ramsey, of Montgomery, and A. O. Gale, of Pre-

At the Bierser convention H. C. Catrow, of Montgomery County, was nominated for Congress, and at the other J. E. Harding, the present incumbent, was renominated. Both conventions were held at Eaton, Preble County.

Senator Entertains the Governor of Pennsylvania.

REPRESENTATIVE MEN ATTEND

Function Takes Place in the New Home of the Metropolitan Club, Which Was Decorated for the Occasion, and an Elaborate Menu Provided-Many Speeches Made.

Gov. Stuart, of Pennsylvania, was the guest of honor last night at a dinner given by Senator Knox, also of the Key-

ton public and official life. The dinner was given in the large dinng-room of the handsome new home of the wildest cheering, and nearly every he Metropolitan Club. The room was governor who followed Mr. Folk ancorated with palms and cut flowers, nd the menu was elaborate.

Invitations were extended to the mem-similar manner. of the press.

his guests repaired to the dining room.

Gov. Stuart Called Upon. Gov. Stuart was the first called upon Lever Dashes Airship to Ground, for a speech. He expressed his apprecia-Where It Is Smashed Like an Egg. tion of the honor conferred upon him and ous veln.

est of airship flights this afternoon, the utterances were replete with jests and

Senator Daniel, of Virginia, followed The navigator of the machine, Wilbur with one of his characteristic speeches, which added to the enjoyment of the tically unhurt, having received nothing Senator Carter, of Montana, and Senator gathering. Senator Bafley, of Texas; Johnston also contributed to the flow of wit and humor. Speaker Cannon and miles in seven minutes and forty seconds, Vice President Fairbanks made short, informal talks.

In nearly all of the speeches there was ome witticisms with a political tinge. List of the Guests,

The guests included chaitor Cameron,
the Speaker,
ton, J. Hampton Moore,
fon, Henry Casson,
fon, Henry E. Wanger,
fon, Le F. Acheson,
fon E. F. Acheson,
fon E. F. Acheson,
fon E. F. Acheson,
fon E. F. Acheson,
fon, J. Davis Brodhead,
fon, J. Sephy G. Beale,
fon, J. Joseph G. Beale,
fon, Neison P. Wheeler,
fon, W. M. H. Graham,
fon, K. O. Moon,
fon, C. N. Brumm,
fon, R. O. Moon,
fon, W. W. Foulkrod,
fon, T. P. Nicholls,
fon, A. J. Barchfeld,
fon, B. K. Focht,
fon, A. P. Cooper,
fon, J. H. Rothermel,
fon, J. G. McHenry,
fen, Johnston,
f. J. John E. J. John E. J. John Ston,
J. J. Johnston,
fon, J. J. Johnston,
fon, J. J. John H. Williams Murphy, J. G. McHenry,
John R. Williams,
L. S. Glavis,
L. Alea, McDowell,
M. W. R. Andrews,
Charles F. Wilson,
James S. Henry,
T. C. W. Campbell,
T. John K. Staufler,
T. O. K. Davis,
T. L. W. Strayer,
O. Henry Hall,
fer. C. W. Metzgar,
Gr. H. R. Nesbifft,
for Isaac Grogg,

ed by His Young Opponent. Paris, May 14.-That rare incident, a serious French duel, occurred to-day, tinguishing the American people, From when a youthful left-handed swordsman data of the highest certainty, no one of

LJEL MAY PROVE FATAL.

c Gregg. Whitehead,

They quarreled some time ago, but Villette, who is one of the most experienced the spirit of the alarmist, but in order swordsmen in Paris, and who has fought that attention might be directed to the fifteen duels, refused to fight until Rava- way by which the nation may escape

arranged. The novice, who was the favorite pupil inches. The latter was taken to a hos- be reached is scarcely less interesting pital vomiting blood. His recovery is status and its conclusions will not be of

Downger Empress Receives, Pekin, May 14.-The members of the diplomatic corps were received in audience to-day by the Dowager Empress at

Baltimore and Return, \$1.25, Baltimore & Ohio R. R., Every Saturday and Sunday. All trains both ways, both days, except Roya! Limited. City offices, 1417 G st. and 619 Pa.

# TANGIBLE ACTION

Theoretical Stage Passed by President's Conference.

Announces He Will Name State Commission on Forestry.

Declaration of Missouri's Executive Greeted with Cheering, and Nearly Every Delegate Announces He Will Take the Same Step-Second Day's Session of Conference Replete with Many Important Features.

While a great deal of the impressive elaborateness which marked the opening meeting of the governors' conference was eliminated yesterday, the session was, nevertheless, highly interesting, and the conservation of natural resources took a tangible form, and seems now to be past

the theoretical stage. The first tangible thing toward practical action came late in the afternoon, when Gov. Folk, of Missouri, in the delivery of an address replete with interesting matter, announced that in an effort to conform with the Ideas of the conference, he had determined, immediately on his return home, to appoint a forestry stone State, and around the board were commission, which would have for its aim gathered representative men in Washing- the preservation of the forests in the Commonwealth of Missouri,

The announcement was greeted with nounced his intention of acting in a

ers of the United States Senate, Vice Just after Gov. Folk had left the ros-President Fairbanks, Speaker Joseph Can- trum, Hon. Chase S. Osborne, of Sault non, the Pennsylvania delegation in the Ste. Marle, was given the floor, and ar-House of Representatives, and members nounced that the bill making the Inland The guests were greeted in the hallway Waterways Commission, a body appointed by the host, Senator Knox. Later Gov. about a year ago by President Rooseveit Stuart held an informal reception in the and since preserved without authority of hall, at which the guests were presented law, a permanent organization, and apto him. After the reception the host and propriating funds for its maintenance, had just been reported favorably in the

Drowned by Cheers.

He hailed this as a direct result of the ture his voice was drowned by cheers and He was followed by Senator Depew, of Mr. Osborne said the committee, accord-Manteo, S. C., May 14.—After the greatwas in one of his happiest veins, and his

New York. The Empire State Senator ing to the bill, would be composed of nine
was in one of his happiest veins, and his members. He became enthusiastic in his remarks, and after eulogizing Gov. Folk for his determination to appoint a fores-

try commission, he said: "When we go home let's all determine to do something toward this wonderful undertaking."

The closing of his remarks was followed with applause. The second day's session was called to order at 10:10 o'clock yesterday morning by President Roosevelt, who was warmly greeted when he entered the East Room. from the main corridor of the White House. After rapping for order, the President, in accordance with his announcement of the first day, called Gov. John

A. Johnson, of Minnesota, to the chair. Prior to the entrance of the President the scene was a lively one, and there was a general hum of conversation. Despite the heat of the room, which was intense, every seat was occupied and the doors were thronged with listeners and spec-

After summoning Gov. Johnson to the hair, the President called on James J. Hill, railroad magnate, and one of the four especial guests of the conference, to speak. Mr. Hill chose for his theme, "The natural wealth of the land and its conservation." He spoke in part as fol-

## Mr. Hill's Address.

"In some respects the occasion that calls together this assemblage is unprecedented. The dignity and public influence of those present as guests and advisers mark its importance. It is in effect a directors' meeting of the great political and economic corporation known as the Unfted States of America. The stockholders are the 87,000,000 people of this country; the directors are the State and Federal officers, whose position brings them in touch with the operation of the whole country. We should not fail to recognize the high note that has been struck and the immensity of the interests involved. upon the lives of millions yet to be.

"Two years ago, in an address delivered before the meeting of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society, at St. Paul, I reviewed the practical consequences and the statistical proof of that national wastefulness which competent scientific authority had already set down as disby the name of Ravanez pinked his op- I then forecast some of the conditions which has ever been called in question times and an allowance of two miles, a conservative estimate, for the many long ponent, named Villette, dangerously in the certain to arise within the next half century, when the population of this comtry will have grown to more than 200,-000,000. The facts were pointed out not in future disaster. So rapidly do events move in our time, so swiftly do ideas pened a few days ago, and the duel was spread and grasp the public mind, that some policy directed to the ends then set forth has already become a national care. For the first time there is a formal national protest, under seal of the highest

doubtful. The combatants are highly binding effect upon the nation, the State, or the individual. Yet they will carry a weight greater than legislatures can im part, a force that even courts could not strengthen, because they will not be subject to repeal. They will represent a truly our national constitutional form. The people of the United States are represent-

ed here through the several States. May Continued on Page 2, Column 1,

Two-year-old Rose Bushes; Best Va-riety. Special, 35c. Blackistone, 14th & H.